

OPTIMIST CLUB MEMBERS GIVE VIEWS ON AMBITION

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by pure and lofty desires. An ambition to promote happiness and relieve distress is most praiseworthy, most creditable. Its pursuit will reveal startling possibilities for the education and prosperity of the world.

128 C street northeast.
Ambition is a spirit in the world that causes all the ebbs and flows of nations, keeps mankind sweet by action. Without ambition the world would be a filthy, settled mud.

132 Park road.
The shades of night were falling fast, As through an Alpine village passed A youth who bore 'mid snow and ice A banner with the strange device—Excelsior!

His brow was sad, his eye beneath Flashed like a falcon from its sheath; And like a silver clasp hung round The accents of that unknown tongue—Excelsior!

"Beware, the pine tree's withered branch! Beware, the awful avalanche!" This was the peasant's last good-night: A voice replied far up the height—Excelsior!

A traveler by the faithful hound Half buried in the snow was found; Will grasping in his hand of ice That banner with the strange device—Excelsior!

There in the twilight cold and gray, Lifeless, he lay; And from the sky serene and far A voice fell like a falling star—Excelsior!

1213 G street northwest.
Ambition is optimism in itself. It is that mighty invisible force that moves us on to higher things; that gives us the courage to face the future; that gives us the power to overcome the obstacles of the world. It is the force that makes us strive for the better, for the higher, for the more perfect. It is the force that makes us strive for the good, for the true, for the beautiful. It is the force that makes us strive for the life, for the love, for the light. It is the force that makes us strive for the kingdom of God on earth.

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But if we are blessed with a strong desire to be of some help in the world, to bring happiness and relief to the suffering, to be of some use to our fellow-men whom we believe are in need of a helping hand, or, in other words, to be just as God teaches us to be, then ambition when expressed in such a manner is a beautiful thing, a part of our everyday life and putting us in harmony with God and our fellow-men.

1414 Fourteenth street northwest.
Learn to do by doing. Grip your task and try: That's the way to conquer by and by. Strength is born of striving. Action makes for skill; Fate won't dare to say, "You can't!" If you declare "I will."

413 Florida avenue northwest.
O joy, all other joys above, To be obedient to call to duty; God and humanity to serve and love, And in helping others find life's beauty.

221 F street.
The true ambition there alone resides, Where justice vindicates and wisdom Where inward dignity joins outward state. Our purpose good as our achievement great; Where public blessings, public praise attend, Where glory is our motive, not our end; Wouldst thou be famed? have those high aims in view.

1213 G street northwest.
Why this constant crying out of the soul of man for a higher life, for freedom from existing conditions, for perfection? This ambition and inherent inclination looking to the reclamation of man's lost estate forfeited by Father Adam. Ambition with other aims is of the deceiver and leads only to disappointment.

2213 G street northwest.
Ambition is an earnest desire or steadfast purpose to achieve something commendable or that which is right in itself, as an ambition to improve one's character and abilities—Standard.

2213 G street northwest.
Ambition is the germ from which all growth of nobleness proceeds—English.

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In youth I had an ambition to shine in the world, to be something above the average. Circumstances prevented me from becoming a "shining light" but I found myself in a position to help others to shine. In my declining years I find a satisfied ambition in knowing that some of the lamps I have trimmed are very bright, and even the little ones are illuminating their spaces to the best of their ability.

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We must have a goal toward which to strive, a goal that is noble, a goal that is worthy, a goal that is worthy of our ambition. We must have a goal that is worthy of our ambition. We must have a goal that is worthy of our ambition. We must have a goal that is worthy of our ambition.

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Let me live by the side of the road, Where the good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong, Wise, foolish, and so am I.

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Then why should I sit in a corner's seat Or hurl a cry of ban? Let me live in a house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man.

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"Ambition is but the soul of thought expressing itself through duty in action, through the will power to achieve all that is good and ennobling in this life, and in numerous other ways, good and bad, for there are both good ambitions and bad.

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things which we use in everyday life. If it had not been for ambition, we would have been content to live without progressing and not attempt to improve on things. The results of such a condition may be easily imagined.

1414 Fourteenth street northwest.
The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one, May hope to achieve it before life be done.

2213 G street northwest.
The highest ambition is: "Live up to the best that is in you; live noble lives, as you all may, in whatever condition you may find yourselves, so that your epitaph may be that of Euripides: This monument does not make the famous, O Euripides, but then it makes this monument famous."

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Ambition is "an eager desire or steadfast purpose to achieve something commendable or that which is right in itself." (Second definition of ambition in Standard Dictionary.) Let us cultivate this sort of ambition, for it is a lever that will remove great obstacles and make life seem well lived.

1213 G street northwest.
The world is filled up with ambitions. The silly as well as sublime; We all have our own way of thinking. How best we can put in the time.

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Some men are quite proud to be lawyers, To counsel, orate, and write wills, While others aspire to be doctors, And to do so with quinine and pills.

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Some people are anxious for clerkships, And serve Uncle Sam if they can; So let us each do our full duty, Above all things else be a man.

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Man feels himself a god fallen from a high estate, And ever looks beyond the present time and place; Ambition is the path by which he hopes to climb.

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Man sometimes dreams and reasons, thinks and works and prays, While others strive to better themselves with food and sleep; But man's ambition leads him on from star to star.

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Ambition is a sincere desire to achieve something, to be something in this life, to make the very best of the talents with which God has endowed us, to live up to the best that is in us, to be true to our duty to God, to our fellow-man, and to ourselves; in other words—to: So live that when thy summons comes to join.

1213 G street northwest.
The immortal caravan, which moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death; They go not like the quarry slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch.

1213 G street northwest.
Our natures are like oil-compound with anything, yet will we strive to swim to the top—Fletcher.

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The world ambition carries in most minds the sense of a striving for some selfish purpose, but there are aims or ambitions which, as Kant says, "are at the same time duties. They are the perfecting of ourselves; the happiness of others." The ambition which makes one stand well with his own conscience and

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helps to make others happy is the best, even if the world at large knows nothing of it.

1414 Fourteenth street northwest.
If any little kindly deed Will help along another, If any little son of ours Will fall a fallen brother; God help us do the little deed, And take our share of singing.

2213 G street northwest.
Ambition is the incentive through which our talents are developed until they reach the highest degree of excellence.

1213 G street northwest.
So take and use Thy work, Amend what flaws may lurk, Of the great of the stuff, what warplings Part the aim!

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To be ambitious of true honor, of the true glory and perfection of our nature is the very principle and incentive of virtue; but to be ambitious of titles, of place, of ceremonial respects and civil precedence is to be vain and little as the things are which we court—Sir P. Sidney.

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Look high, O soul! for what is wealth but dust, And the fleeting shadow of the better things.

1213 G street northwest.
Who climbs the heights will find earth's nothings small, And a sweet calm and peace above the storms.

1213 G street northwest.
Be high, O soul! scorn what is low and low estate, Child of a king they call thee; be a king, And troops of vassals shall their tribute bring.

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Ambition is a blessing or a curse, that leads us on to noble deeds; That spurring on to victory still conceals To honor, virtue, truth a greater place; Than any honors won in life's great race; But falling this, it makes our state far worse.

1213 G street northwest.
Rest not! Life is sweeping by; Go and dare before you die Something mighty and sublime; Leave behind to come Time, Glorious 'tis to live for aye, When these forms have passed away.

1213 G street northwest.
"Aim high, my friend, thy shaft may fall beneath thy hand, Thy break in thy hands, it matters not; Aim higher still, no broken bow canst break thy will.

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It is not for man to rest in absolute contentment. He is born to hopes and aspirations, as the sparks fly upward, unless he has bridled his nature and kept the spirit of immortality within his portion.

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We so often have had it impressed upon us that any boy born in this land of the free and none of the brave may someday become its President. As a matter of fact, that honor can fall to but very few; but here's the point: Isn't the boy who consistently aspires to be President going to go farther than he who is content with some lower aim in life or who has no

1213 G street northwest.
The earliest direct mention of playing cards discovered so far is in the "History of the City of Viterbo." The author quotes Covelluzzo, who wrote about the end of the fifteenth century as follows:

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It is worthy of remark that Covelluzzo did not write at the date he mentions, but a century later, in 1480, and it is quite possible that he may have been mistaken in attributing the cards to Saracens origin or may have simply been quoting a popular tradition. The Saracens were familiar with naibis, the predecessors of cards, but they did not invent the game of cards, of which naibis were only a part, says the Baltimore Sun.

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The earliest date at which there can be no dispute at which playing cards are directly mentioned by a writer as a matter of personal experience is that discovered in the register of the court treasury of France, in the reign of Charles VI. The entry is under the date of February 1, 1382, as follows:

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This is the foundation upon which is based the popular notion that playing cards were invented for the amusement of a crazy French king. Critics have pointed out that the amount paid in the entry that gives ground for supposing that the cards themselves were new.

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There are on exhibition to-day at the National Library in Paris what are supposed to be seventeen of these very cards that were painted for Charles VI and this has strengthened the impression that they are the original model from which all playing cards have been copied. Unfortunately for the fame of this exhibit, it has been proved that the cards shown

particular aim at all? I said "constantly aspire," because, of course, mere aspiration without definite action is of no avail. Not that the building of air castles is commendable, only, as Theodore says, we should at least have the ladder in the air, we should at once go to work and place foundations beneath them.

1414 Fourteenth street northwest.
Ambitions are the wings that carry us above the sordid cares of this world and rest us on the dizzy height of the future, from which we can behold our lives, perfect and rounded as we would have them in our chosen career; and after showing us what in the fullness of time can be, brings us back to the present again, and spurs us on to fight the good fight, endure the strife, counting gain and loss, even holding our eyes to the picture that first came with ambition.

1213 G street northwest.
To be successful in life one must have ambition. Therefore, we should prove and know in our hearts that all things lovely and good are possible for those who believe in their possibility and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them.

1213 G street northwest.
The heights by great men reached and kept Were not obtained by sudden flight, But they while their companions slept Were toiling upward in the night.

1213 G street northwest.
Standing on what too long we have With shoulders bent and downcast eyes, We may discern—unseen before—A path to higher destinies.

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There were two sentences inscribed upon the Delphic oracle, hugely accommodated to the usages of man's life: "Know thyself" and "Nothing too much," and upon these all other precepts depend—Plutarch.

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Ambition is the germ from which all growth of nobleness proceeds—T. D. English.

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Ambition creates opportunities. They conquer who believe they can. The greatest oaks have been little acorns.

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Napoleon's ambition carried him from obscurity to the head of the French nation. The great Salvation Army leader, carried his cause in face of intense ridicule, but lives to see it a power for good the world over.

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Have confidence in yourself and you will command confidence. Without ambition this world would be in a state of chaos. A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.

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Set your heart on what you have in hand. Valuable knowledge is acquired only by intense devotion. You must not waste leisure time; it is fatal to success.

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Be content to learn one thing at a time if you hope to succeed in life. Whatever you learn, learn it absolutely. This enables you to advance step by step, and some day you will wonder you were able to distance people who seemed so far ahead of you.

1213 G street northwest.
He or she that intends to be something cannot be denied; they will reach their goal. In the world's broad field of battle, In the bivouac of life, Be not dumb like dumb, driven cattle, Be a hero in the strife.

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Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

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Bread "is recognized as the staff of life, but only physically. Ambition is the staff of life from a spiritual standpoint. God has given us bread in order that we may have strength for the battles of this life. Every man with full reasoning power is ambitious in some way, but all are not successful, for their courage fails at the slightest obstacle and their hopes seem shattered; but if you build a castle in the air, and if it is destroyed, begin again the next morning and build another on a firmer foundation.

1213 G street northwest.
Who has not desired to have his name blazoned on the open scroll of the world? He who has not is, indeed, hardly worthy of notice. The life of the silk worm, the ant, and the bee alike set the example to

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The chosen subjects of an All-wise Being. Not only in art and the sciences ought we to be ambitious, but, no matter what our position in this life may be, we should strive to reach the top of the ladder in our respective sphere. We were not placed upon this earth simply to live, breed, and die, but to do things and live eternally. Our forefathers were ambitious to build a great republic, and they succeeded far beyond their greatest expectation. Had ambition not stirred them to great deeds we still might be subjects of England. It is clearly shown that some of our greatest citizens have risen to great and responsible positions. Abraham Lincoln is a good example. With innumerable barriers thrown in his way, he reached the top of the ladder of our national aspirations. One who has ambition, pluck, and courage is almost sure to be successful in this life. Many who claim to have ambition make a very feeble show, falling back into some well-established rut after only slight failures.

1213 G street northwest.
If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. The clouds will always roll away and the sun appear and shine with renewed splendor; and so, if we fail and try again, every successful effort will be crowned with light and glory. Some people, with little ambition have risen to exalted positions through the influence of their friends, but the truly happy one is he who has earned his reward by his own efforts. So let us in passing leave "footprints on the sands of time."

1213 G street northwest.
Fairies, Va. A native son's law learn to live, And if men thwart thee take no heed, And if men hate thee have no care, Sing thou thy song and do thy deed; Hope thou thy hope and pray thy prayer, And claim no crown they will not give.

1213 G street northwest.
Edna Bennett. A noble life is not a blaze Of sudden glory won, But just a piling up of days In which good work is done.

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If what shone afar so grand Turn to nothing in thy hand, On again the virtue lies In the struggle, not the prize.

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Not failure, 'till low aim is crime. Whatever you want if you wish for it long With constant yearning and ceaseless desire; If you wish soaring upward on wings so strong That they never grow languid, never tire.

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Why, over the storm clouds and out of the dark, come flying some day to you, As the dove with olive branch flew to the ark, And the wish you've been dreaming it will come true.

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There is no greater deed than inspiring humanity with aspirations—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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Ambition is an unusual desire to accomplish something more than ordinary, to become more enlightened in a certain way, to be more successful in a certain way, physically, or spiritually. It is that power of the mind or soul that acts as an incentive to spur us on to success and victory. It is a sure and reliable guide to the highest attainment of success. It is not limited or confined within any bounds, and its accomplishments are almost unlimited in every field of action.

1213 G street northwest.
Ambition is like a strong arm, a powerful power, silent, unseen, yet ever present, so strong, sure, and enticing that failure cannot defeat it, but only forces it on to greater effort and increased activity; and the best and most precious of all is the knowledge that it will not allow us to stop until success is achieved. It is a treasure so valuable that it cannot be bought or sold.

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Ambition teaches us to live with every fiber of our being; to have the courage, the enduring strength of iron and steel, not only "to have and to hold," but to get, to keep our pulses full and fast, fire and passion alive and strong, and to purify and exalt our lives. "No man can rise above that at which he aims," we must "see things and tell the world," says Ruskin. We must train for conduct, not only in the highest and noblest of all, but in the most practical and useful of all. We must have high ideals and optimism; to keep up high spirits and an active brain, to love humanity and gain love in return. We do not want to live on the reputation of our great ancestors, but we want to serve to wash ambition's hands. The men of past centuries did their work well, but we want to-day's men and women who dare to do. Ambition never looks back, but ahead of the world, and on the engine of life. "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt hath lost its

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